

Wilderness Watch

Meeting Dates

1st Tues., 7:00 PM, Water
2nd Tues., 7:00 PM, Common Area
2nd Wed., 7:00 PM, Roads
3rd Tues., 6:00 PM, Board

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Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District Breaks Ground on New Building at WR

On Monday, August 4, 2008, Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District (WRFPD) broke ground on a new fire building in the Wilderness Ranch Sub-division.

With the growth of new equipment and members Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District was in need of a new fire house. The new building will have six bays and will house one water tender, one heavy rescue vehicle, one rescue boat, two engines and an ambulance operated by Mores Creek Ambulance.

Demolition began over the weekend on part of the old fire building to make way for the new structure.

The current building that houses some of the fire engines, apparatus and the training room will be turned over to the Wilderness Ranch Home

Owners Association once the new building is complete.

Jeff Arnswald, Tom Pawek, WRFPD commissioners, Lance Esquivel with the Wilderness Ranch Firefighters Association, Ron Dotson with Mores Creek Ambulance, and John Saucerman, VP of the Wilderness Ranch Owners Association were all present to represent their organizations part in the new building.

When asked how he felt about the new building fire Chief John McCarthy stated, "It has been a long time coming. The commissioners and I are excited to see the project begin".

WRFPD will continue to look for a parcel of land along the highway 21 corridor as it is the ideal location for an emergency response agency .

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Lessons to Be Learned from Tragic Fire in Boise

The wildland fire that claimed a life and damaged 19 Boise homes on August 25, 2008, should prompt Wilderness Ranch residents to think more seriously than ever about making our homes firewise, review our evacuation plans, and consider our options for sheltering in place, either in our own homes or a neighbor's home that is better prepared to survive a wildfire.

Last month's *Wilderness Watch* contained a four-page pull-out section providing information to assist you in making your home less prone to wildfire. Recently, every property owner in the Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District received a newsletter outlining the requirements for sheltering in place.

Please take the time to review both documents again. If you don't have your copies any more, they are available on the Wilderness Ranch Web site (WWW.WROA.ORG) or by calling Carrie Wiss at 384-1572.

Carrie is also available to assess your home for vulnerabilities to wildfire and provide recommendations for reducing your home's risk.

As the tragedy in Boise demonstrated, fire can move a lot faster than we can. It is unlikely that most residents will be able to evacuate the Ranch if we are threatened by a wildfire that is being pushed by forceful winds. Sheltering in place is a frightening concept for many of us, but in a well prepared home, it is likely to offer the best chance for survival.

Carrie Wiss, Firewise Coordinator



From left: Ron Dotson, John Saucerman, Jeff Arnswald, Lance Esquivel.

Ranch Artists Display Their Work Locally

Clay artist Angela Kelly Neiwert and photographer / painter Susanne Lomatch will have their art studios at their Wilderness Ranch homes open to the public as part of the Boise Open Studios Collective Org (BOSCO) event being held Boise-area wide. This open studio event is similar to events held in San Francisco and other cities.

Angela and Susanne's studios will be open Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

WR residents are encouraged to come by and see some beautiful art on display and for sale, and visit the artist at work. Angela's studio is at 13 Whitehawk Circle, and Susanne's studio is at 3 Whitehawk Circle, both in Sub 4. There will be signs to direct visitors on the day of the event.

An artists' reception will also be held at the Idaho Historical Society on First Thursday, Oct. 2, in the evening. If you have questions don't hesitate to call Susanne for more information at 345-2857, or visit <http://www.boiseopenstudios.com>.

Susanne Lomatch

WROA Board Approves Revised Corrective Action Policy

In conjunction with the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), the WROA Board of Directors recently reviewed and revised WROA's Statement of Corrective Action policy.

The revised policy outlines new procedures for communicating with both the property owners who file a com-

plaint and the property owners against whom a complaint has been filed in order to gather enough information to determine whether there is truly violation of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) that requires corrective action.

The revised policy is available as a PDF on the Wilderness Ranch Web site (www.wroa.org).

Carrie Wiss, WROA Secretary



Demolition of old fire barn underway.

Wilderness Watch: Going Green, Saving Green

In the interest of keeping the dues increase as low as possible, the WROA Board reduced the Communications Committee budget by 50% with the result of saving owners \$1.00 a month. The ultimate goal will be to move most of the Communications Committee's efforts to the Internet.

Minutes of Board Meetings

Effective with this issue of the *Watch*, all minutes will be posted on WROA.ORG after being approved. Click on the "Legal, Financial, Polices, Procedures" tab.

WR "HotLine" Discontinued

The HotLine receives approximately 55 calls a month. If there is a water problem, call Butch Anderson at home. Sign-up for **InstantWatch**. Important information will also be posted on the home page of WROA.ORG.

Other Services Reduced

The *Wilderness Watch* will no longer be published monthly. Depending on the size of issues, there will be between six to nine issues a year. Starting in FY 2010, it is likely that the *Watch* will be available only by e-mail or on the Web site.

The Ranch phone directory will be published every other year or, perhaps, simply maintained on the Web site and be available for each owner to download and print.

WROA.ORG in the Future

Tim Schaff, board member and liaison to the Communications Committee, has agreed to look at other Ranch services that can be migrated to the Web site for additional cost savings and enhanced services to WR owners.

*John Fiedler, Chair,
WROA Communications Committee*

WRFPD Fire Building

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The WRFPD has been setting aside money in the budget for a new building since it became a Fire District in November of 2005.

Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District is funded through tax levies. These funds provide a subsistence budget that supports facilities and utilities, basic training for our volunteers, fuel and maintenance for our vehicles and equipment, and insurance. WRFPD with its dedicated group of volunteer firefighters, provide structure, wildland fire, protection and suppression to residents and visitors in a 240 square mile region of Boise County.

As well as specialized response, such as vehicle extrication, high angle rescue and water rescue services to the southeastern quarter of Boise County.

In addition WRFPD became a Quick Response Unit (QRU) to offer emergency medical assistance along the southern portion of the highway 21 corridor.

Tara Esquivel, WRFPD

25 Years Ago ...

"The water line is completely laid in Sub 3 and power lines are going right now. Water lines are being laid in Sub 4 and at the rate that our "new" trencher is running, it won't take long. We have a new access to Subs 3 and 4. It is along Rush Creek and it is a beautiful drive."

20 Years Ago ...

"As you can see, we have a new name [Wilderness Watch] for the newsletter, suggested by Heidi Benowitz, who won the berry pie baked especially for the contest at the picnic. Thanks to all who participated in the "Name the Newsletter" contest. The judges had a very difficult time deciding the winner."

15 Years Ago ...

"There are two open positions on WR board. Fred Carpenter (Sub 5) and Rick Lamica (Sub 5) have completed their two year terms and are not seeking reelection. Lesley Bahner (Sub 5), JoAnn Case (Sub 3), and Dave Short (Sub 2) will continue to serve on the board until October, 1994."

10 Years Ago ...

"At a special meeting of the board on August 25, the annual dues assessment for the coming fiscal year -- October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999 -- will remain at \$600 for each lot owned. That's \$50.00 per month."

5 Years Ago

"The board established the annual dues assessment at \$1380, or \$115 per month per lot. The steep increase is most attributable to the new water treatment plant; \$64,450 is budgeted for debt service since we are borrowing the money to pay for it."

Ads et Cetera

Get On The List! Are you on the growing list of people that have a need for concrete work? I specialize in patios, driveways, walkways, retaining walls, and stone veneers on homes, garages, and fireplaces. For interior needs, I specialize in laminate, engineered and solid wood flooring. WR resident: licensed, insured, professional. Inquire @ 342-3336. Ask for Lester. (10/08)

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Missing Some Dishes or Utensils? A clear Pyrex casserole dish, a brown pottery serving dish decorated with yellow flowers, and a few serving utensils were left behind after the fire fighters' picnic. If any of those items belong to you, please call me at 384-1572 to claim them. (10/08)

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Wilderness Watch Submissions

E-mail material for the *Wilderness Watch* to John Fiedler at johnfiedler@oreon.net and to Lesley Bahner at lesleybahner@oreon.net, fax to 208-381-0944, or mail to 195 Wilderness Way, Boise, ID 83716. Deadline: last day of each month for next month's issue. You should receive an acknowledgment that your submission has been received.

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